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# STATE OF IOWA

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IOWA BOARD OF MEDICINE  
MARK BOWDEN, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

## Executive Director's Report

*(Prepared September 26, 2014, for the October 2-3, 2014, Board meeting)*

**BOARD FEES:** Staff is not recommending an increase in fees for licensure and other Board services in the fiscal year ending June 30, 2015. The Board annually reviews its fee schedule as directed by Iowa Code Section 147.80(2) to ensure that fees collected cover the agency's operating costs. The Board has not increased fees since FY2007. In FY2014, the Board reduced several fees, including medical residency licenses and criminal background checks for medical and acupuncture license applicants, and it eliminated most fees for copies of public records when the records can be delivered in electronic format. The Board does not receive a general fund allocation, but operates exclusively on fees from licensure. Since FY2007, the Board has deposited \$725,000 in civil penalties collected in disciplinary actions in Iowa's General Fund. The Board's FY2015 operating budget is \$4,237,141.

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**DEVELOPMENT:** Board member Diane Cortese, Clive, will attend the Citizen Advocacy Center's 2014 annual meeting October 23-24 at Baltimore, MD. The center provides training for public members of professional licensing boards. Kent Nebel, director of legal affairs, and Julie Bussanmas, assistant attorney general assigned to the Board, will attend the Federation of State Medical Boards' attorney workshop October 23-24 at Savannah, GA. Board investigator Jennifer Huisman will pursue certification as a medical board investigator at the Administrators in Medicine's CMBI courses Oct 1-3 in Baltimore, MD. Board investigator James Machamer, a certified medical board investigator, is a faculty member of the CMBI courses. Chief Investigator Russell Bardin is participating in the Drug Enforcement Administration's national conference on pharmaceutical and drug diversion September 30-October 1 in Kansas City. IPHP Coordinator Deb Anglin will attend the Federation of State Physician Health Programs' board meeting October 3-4 in Chicago. Executive Director Mark Board will attend the Administrators in Medicine's board meeting and regional workshop October 16-17 in New Orleans.

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**BOARD STAFF:** Alicia Hill of Pella has been hired as secretary to the executive director, filling a position that was open due to the promotion of Natalie Sipes as director of licensure. Ms. Hill was an administrative assistant for Wells Fargo Mortgage for the past three years and is a 2013 graduate of Grandview University with a degree in business administration and marketing. She joined the Board staff on September 26.

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**FSMB:** The Federation of State Medical Boards is seeking nominations for elective positions on the FSMB Board of Directors, recommendations for appointments to FSMB committees, and resolutions on issues of interest to state medical boards and the Federation. The FSMB's 103rd annual meeting will be held April 23-25, 2015, at Fort Worth, TX.

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**CALENDAR:**

(November October 1 – December 31, 2014)

**Hearings**

October 30-31 - Firas A. Rabi, M.D.

November 13-14

December 18-19

**Meetings**

October 2-3 – Board meeting

November 6 – Board teleconference meeting

November 21 – Iowa Physician Health Committee meeting

December 4-5 – Board meeting

**Office closings**

November 11, Tuesday – Veterans Day

November 27-28, Thursday-Friday – Thanksgiving

December 25, Thursday – Christmas